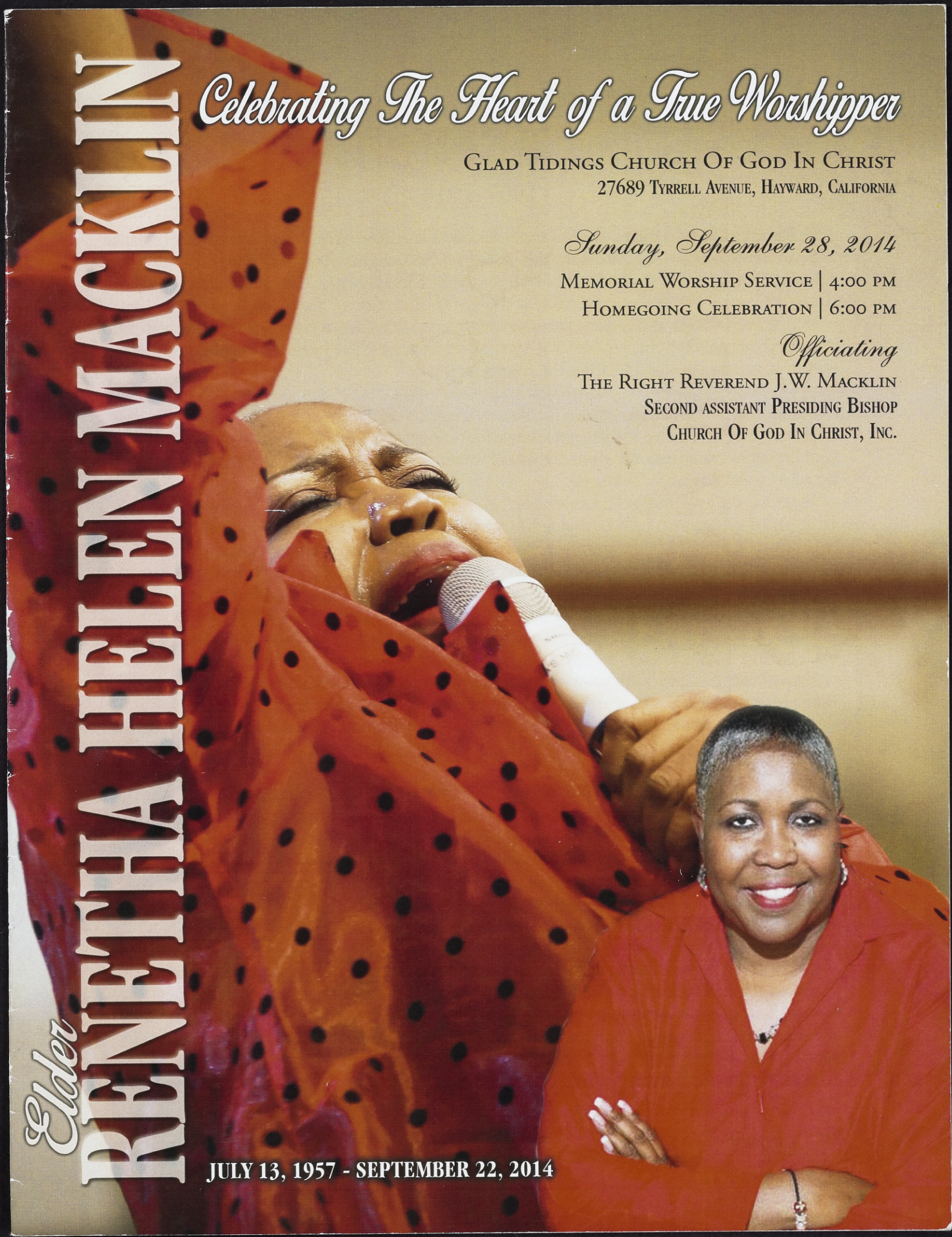

Elder RENETHA HELLEN MACKLIN

Celebrating The Heart of a True Worshipper

GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
27689 TYRRELL AVENUE, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

Sunday, September 28, 2014

MEMORIAL WORSHIP SERVICE | 4:00 PM
HOMEGOING CELEBRATION | 6:00 PM

Officiating

THE RIGHT REVEREND J.W. MACKLIN
SECOND ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

JULY 13, 1957 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

The Journey of a Psalmist

ELDER RENETHA HELEN MACKLIN

1957-2014

To bless the Lord at all times was the heart's desire of Elder Renetha H. Macklin, affectionately known as, Sister Renetha. Born in San Mateo, California, July 13, 1957, she was the fourth child of the Rev. & Mrs. A. C. Macklin's nine children and Renetha accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 12.

During a revival service there was a need for an organist, but her feet were unable to reach the pedals. Renetha climbed on the organ for the first time and began to play. The saints were amazed, the service was lifted, and thus her incredible musical journey began.

During a Sunday evening service at her father's church, New Sweet Home C.O.G.I.C, Sister Renetha's hands were anointed with oil; a prayer was prayed and a great anointing fell upon this young vessel of the Lord. She often shared how the angels of the Lord would sing in her ears while she was sleeping, and she would arise and play what she heard.

The Lord used Sister Renetha during her school days from Jr. High throughout college; working as a medical assistant for Dr. Sam Young, Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers. She then founded and directed various groups and choirs in California, including Foothill College Gospel Choir. As her ministry expanded, she later served as a staff musician at Cathedral of Faith, San Jose, California; as musician at Trinity Christian Broadcasting Network; Minister of Music at Glad Tidings C.O.G.I.C, Hayward, California; and Minister of Worship for E. C. Reems Women's International Ministries, Oakland, California.

Through many years of faithfulness, testing, trials and fire, God elevated this special woman of God. Through her unique ministry of praise and worship, Sister Renetha ushered in a fresh wind to the music industry. Her unique style and powerful anointing caused her to be one of the most sought after worship leaders in the country.

In 1990, Sister Renetha founded Praise Team Ministries (PTM) in Hayward at the Glad Tidings Church. PTM became a relevant resource and support for praise ministries throughout the country long before Praise and Worship was popularized in mainline churches. She provided new songs, teaching materials, and inspiration. PTM also hosted The Annual Praise and Worship Festival. Sister Renetha went on to release five recordings, "Holy Spirit Rain On Me," "Father God I Appreciate You," "Oh Jesus," "Altogether Lovely, My Beloved," and "The Highest Praise," which received high reviews in Contemporary Christian Music Magazine, Spin Magazine, and on Christian Networks around the world.

With the leading of the Lord and the blessings of her older brother and pastor, Bishop J. W. Macklin, Sister Renetha moved from Hayward, California, and relocated to San Antonio, Texas. She accepted a new ministry assignment as Director of Music and Fine Arts at New Creation Christian Fellowship, under the pastorate of Bishop David M. Copeland and Rev. Dr. Claudette A. Copeland. Through this ministry, Sister Renetha was ordained and elevated to the ministerial ranks, and became known affectionately as Elder Renetha. This bold step of faith launched Elder Renetha into a new dimension of kingdom ministry.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me"
Philippians 4:13

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In addition to her ministry at New Creation, Elder Renetha became a familiar face and music artist at national conferences. As a psalmist to the nation, her schedule remained full with invitations from renowned leaders and conventions, including Bishop T. D. Jakes, Bishop G. E. & Louise Patterson, Bishop E. C. Reems, Pastor Rod Parsley, Bishop Paul Morton, C.O.G.I.C AIM Conventions and Holy Convocations, Greater Allen Cathedral, the A.M.E Women's Conference South Africa. She often accompanied her pastor, Rev. Dr. Claudette Copeland and so many ministers, building the Kingdom.

On Sunday mornings, her music was heard in hundreds of churches in America and around the world. Her music would reach even wider audiences as national recording artists like Ron Kenoly, Karen Clark Sheard, Daryl Coley, Rod Parsley, and Steven Hurd, sang melodies and songs she had written. Her songs "I Hear the Music in the Air" and "Thou Art God Alone" took Vickie Winans albums to platinum status (2012).

In her early twenties Sister Renetha married Greggory Fort and from this union three daughters who were dearest to her heart were born. Shanetha (Cee-Cee) Jernelious, Alletha (Le-Le) Fort, and LaDonia Fort; three grandchildren her heart and the joy of her life, Zya, Jason (Bubba) and Natalie. Later she was married to Winston Muldrew.

Her beloved extended family includes, Bishop David Copeland and Pastor Claudette Copeland, and the New Creation Christian Fellowship Church and the Worship Council; Her "life gift" kidney donor Elder Steven Tucker; Elder Mary Johnson, Deaconess Elizabeth (Mama Liz) Manuel; Minister Diane Hannah-Jones all of SATX; Her musical assistants LaVelle Hall Wilson and mentees and Robert and Paul Cockfield; Beloved friends Rosiland Gross-Hall of New York; Tyra Andrews, West New York, N.J.; Pamela Clay of Newark, CA; and Martha Stamper of Hayward, CA. God-children Jaden Nicole Wilson and Kristen Gross-Hall; Her precious puppies Colby and Kingston; and thousands of worshippers of the King, who will sing with her again around the throne.

Elder Renetha was preceded in death by her father, Superintendent Albert C. Macklin III. Other members of her family who now celebrate her legacy include her mother and namesake, whom she loved so much, Mother Helen J. Macklin of Mountain View, CA; eight siblings: Debra Gipson of Ft. Worth, TX; Bishop J.W. Macklin (Lady Vanessa) of Hayward, CA; Anthony Macklin of Las Vegas, NV; Dwyann Macklin of Austin, TX; First Lady Theressa Macklin-Johnson (Pastor Dennis) of Vallejo, CA; Melissa Macklin-Billingsley (Elder Michael); Pastor Albert C. Macklin (Lady Evelyn) of East Palo Alto, CA; Andre Macklin of Atlanta, GA, and her dear aunts; Ruby Harris, JoAnn Macklin, Jemmie Swindell, Princella Larry, Melrose Phillips and Emma Bowman. She is further survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins.

"I just want God's people to be blessed and
I want God to get all the Glory for it."
-The Psalmist, Sister Renetha

From Our Hearts

To Our Dearest Mother,
Your smiles can brighten any moment,
Your sweet melodies put joy in all our days.
Your love will stay with us forever.
And touch our lives in precious ways.

The values you've taught,
The care you've given, and the
wonderful love you've shown,
has enriched our lives in more ways than
we can count.

You were a precious gift from God above,
So much beauty, grace and love.
You touched our hearts in so many ways,
Your smile so bright, even on the bad days.

You heard God's whisper calling you home,
You didn't want to go and live us alone.
You loved us so much, you held on tight,
Till all the strength was gone and you could
no longer fight.

He had called your name so many times before,
You knew you couldn't make Him wait any more.
So you gave your hand to God and slowly
drifted away,
Knowing that with our love, we will be together
again someday.

Love your Darling Daughters,
Shanitha Elaine Jernelius
Alletha Ann Fort
Ladonia Sade Reece

Grammy...I wonder where you keep your wings?
Are they hung in your closet with the rest of your
shiny things?
Do you put them away and just use them at night?
Or give them to Kingston and Colby to polish
up bright.
I know you have wings for this must be true.
'cause God always gives them to Angels
just like you.

Love,
Natalie Brook Reece
Ziya Justine Jernelius
Jason Allen Reece

The Service of Celebration

Master of Ceremonies ..... Pastor Rev. Dr. Claudette Copeland
New Creation Christian Fellowship, San Antonio, TX

Prelude ..... *"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"*

Procession & Final Viewing ..... *Bishops, Clergy and Family*

Reading of the Holy Scriptures
Old Testament *(Psalms. 98:1-9)* ..... *Pastor Terry Saffold, Stockton, CA*
New Testament *(Eph. 5:14-19)* ..... *Elder Marcus Williams, Hayward, CA*

Invocation – *(Our Prayer Unto Our God)* ..... *Pastor Leon Swindell, San Mateo, CA*

Praise and Worship ..... *RHM Memorial Praise Team and Congregation*

Roots and Wings - The Early Years of the Psalmist ..... *Supt. Gerald Harris*
Bethany Community COGIC, Gilroy, CA
Missionary Mae Williams, Missionary Martha Wilson, New Sweet Home COGIC, East. Palo Alto, CA
Sister Charon Jackson, Elder Demetrius Tolefree, Glad Tidings COGIC., Hayward, CA
Admin. Assistant Joe Nobles, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

Ministry of Music ..... **Glad Tidings Mass Choir**

Tributes to the Psalmist ..... *Pastor Tony Williams, San Jose, CA*
Maranatha Christian Center
Bishop E C Reems & Evangelist M. Gardner Langston
E. C. Reems Ministries

Worship in Music ..... *Minister of Music, Markita Knight*
Southern CA 1st Jurisdiction

A Psalmist to the Nation – Video Presentations
Int'l Youth Department, COGIC ..... *Evangelist Joyce Rogers*
New Creation Christian Fellowship, San Antonio, TX ..... *Bishop David Copeland*

The Family Remembers the Psalmist
My Sister Soldier ..... Lady Theresa Macklin-Johnson & Family
Music in the Air ..... Pastor Albert C Macklin, IV & Family

Acknowledgments, Cards and Resolutions ..... *Missionary Gerri Rogers*

Acknowledgment Episcopal Guest and Visiting Clergy ..... *Supt. Bruce McAlister*

Obituary - *Read Silently*

Presentation of the Eulogist ..... *Bishop Donald Murray*
A Final Request from the Psalmist — *1st Vice Chairman, Board of Bishops*

Sermonic Selection (I Can Only Imagine) ..... *Sister Lena Byrd*

Eulogy ..... Bishop J. W. Macklin
2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
Pastor, Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ
Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

Recessional

Sister Renetha's Music Lives On

The Highest Praise

1. The Highest Praise
2. Lord I'll Praise You
3. Awesome
4. He Who Dwells
5. Beauty of Holiness
6. Praise ib the House
7. Worship Medley
8. Praise to The King
9. Deep Down In My Heart
10. Worship Medley
11. We Lift Your Name Higher
12. See What The Lord Has Done
13. All Together Lovely

Oh Jesus

1. I Hear the Music In The Air
2. He Brought Me Out
3. At Calvary
4. High and Lifted Up
5. Thou Art God Alone
6. Welcome Holy Spirit
7. Let Your Glory Fill This Place
8. Pouring Out to You
9. We Are In Presence of the Lord
10. Oh Jesus!

Holy Spirit Rain On Me

1. The Lord Reignth
2. Hallelujah The Lord Reigns
3. Oh Give Thanks
4. Everyday With Jesus
5. Sweet Jesus
6. Sweet Honey In The Rock
7. Praise to The King
8. Feet on The Rocks
9. You Are My Everything
10. Never Cease to Praise Him
11. Holy-Holy
12. Gospel Jam
13. It's to You
14. Great in Majesty
15. Worship Around Your Throne
16. I Will Worship
17. Holy Spirit Rain On Me

Father God I Appreciate You

1. Celebrate
2. Hallelujah to the King of Kings
3. Clap Your Hands
4. Father God I Appreciate You
5. Praise Medley
6. None Like You
7. Lord I Love You
8. Lift Up The Name O Jesus
9. No Ground
10. Speed Gospel
11. All Hail The Power of Jesus Name
12. You Are Lord
13. Never Be the Same Again
14. Instrumental Praise

I Love You So Much

1. Excellent, Marvelous, Wonderful
2. This is the Day
3. He Reigns
4. I Love You So Much
5. God is Great
6. Throne Room Medley
7. He Brought Me Out
8. Thou Art God Alone
9. Majestic Medley
10. Do Something!
11. Blast from the Past

Pallbearers

Deacon Kenneth Bonner
Brother Aaron Macklin
Brother Bo Gipson
Brother Reynaldo Powell
Deacon Art Hosley
Brother Stedman Tigner

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Joe H. Cook
Pastor Albert Macklin
Brother Anthony Macklin
Brother Andre Macklin

Acknowledgements

"You can shed endless tears because Mom is gone,
Or you can choose to be a worshipper, live life to the fullest, and go on."
During our time of sorrow, we realize just how much family and friends really mean to us.
We want to extend a very special thank you to all of Mom's doctors and nurses who cared for her.
Thank you to our New Creation Church family, especially the Worship Council!
Thank you to Bishop and Pastor Copeland for your constant love and support and thank you to our family and friends who came from far and near to celebrate Mom!
Please know that every act of kindness and sympathy will be forever cherished and embedded in our hearts.
We love you.
- Shanitha, Alletha and LaDonia & The Macklin Family

Professional Care and Services Entrusted To

Collins Funeral Home: *6867 Montgomery Drive, San Antonio, Texas*
Jones Mortuary: *660 Donohoe Street, Palo Alto, California*

Interment

Skylawn Memorial Park San Mateo, California

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death *Philippians 3:10*

It Is *Finished*